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5 THINGS TO KNOW

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MICHAEL BUTLER, REPORTER

After more than a year off the air, Philly hip-hop legend Lady B is back on radio thanks to overwhelming community support. With almost 40 years of experience under her belt, Lady B has reached generations of listeners ranging from hip-hop legend Chuck D of Public Enemy to Philly entertainment mogul Charlie Mack. Always looking ahead, Lady B is renewed and ready to keep her popular radio Basement Parties moving forward.

1 Judge sets Manafort sentencing date

President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort will be sentenced on March 13 for attempted witness tampering and conspiring against the United States, according to a court filing on Monday. Judge Amy Berman Jackson, the federal judge presiding over Manafort's case in Washington, had previously tentatively scheduled the sentencing hearing for March 5. She did not give a reason for the delay. Manafort pleaded guilty last year to conspiracy against the United States and began cooperating with prosecutors working on U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election and possible links between the Trump campaign and Moscow. Both Moscow and Trump deny any wrongdoing. In November, prosecutors accused Manafort of breaching his plea deal by lying to federal investigators.

2 No verdict on Day 1 of 'El Chapo' deliberations

Jurors in the U.S. trial of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, accused of running one of the world's most infamous drug cartels, ended their first day of deliberations in Brooklyn federal court on Monday without reaching a verdict. The 12 jurors began deliberating at about 1 p.m. after receiving instructions from U.S. District Judge Brian Cogan. The judge sent them home at about 4:20 p.m. Guzman, 61, is accused of leading Mexico's Sinaloa cartel, which became one of the most powerful drug trafficking organizations in the world. He twice escaped from prison in Mexico, and will face the possibility of life in a U.S. prison if convicted. The 11-week trial, which featured testimony from more than 50 witnesses, offered the public an unprecedented look into the inner workings of the cartel, named for the state in northwest Mexico where Guzman was born in a poor mountain village.

3 Townsville remains flooded as torrential rain continues

Seen is a general view of the flooded Townsville suburb of Idalia on Monday in Townsville, Australia. Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has warned Townsville residents that flooding has not yet reached its peak as torrential rain continues. The continued inundation forced authorities to open the floodgates on the swollen Ross River Dam on Sunday night.

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4 VA gov meets with cabinet amid racist photo outcry

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam met with his cabinet on Monday amid a chorus of calls from fellow Democrats to resign over last week's revelation of a racist photo on his 1984 medical school yearbook page. A few dozen protesters gathered at the state capitol in Richmond to demand that Northam, a white man, step down, while Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, who is black, said there was "a lot of uncertainty" in the state's government. A conservative media website on Friday released a page from Northam's yearbook depicting one person in blackface standing next to a masked person in the white robes of the Ku Klux Klan. Northam, 59, initially apologized on Friday and said he was one of the two people in the photo, then changed his story Saturday, saying he did not appear in the picture but had dressed in blackface at another point that year.

5 Sanders asks why drug, once free, now costs $375K

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders sent a letter to Catalyst Pharmaceuticals on Monday asking it to justify its decision to charge $375,000 annually for a medication that for years has been available to patients for free. The drug, Firdapse, is used to treat Lambert-Eaton Myasthenic Syndrome (LEMS), a rare neuromuscular disorder, according to the letter, made available to Reuters by the senator's office. The disorder affects about one in 100,000 people in the United States. The government is intensifying its scrutiny of the pharmaceutical industry and rising prescription drug prices, a top voter concern and a priority of President Donald Trump's administration. Both the Democratic-led U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, controlled by Republicans, have begun holding hearings this year on the rising costs of medicines. Sanders is an independent who usually votes with Democrats.

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Casey to bring TSA worker to State of the Union

A TSA agent impacted by the recent government shutdown will join the U.S. senator on Capitol Hill.

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Delayed from its traditional date in January due to the longest federal shutdown in history, President Trump will deliver his second State of the Union address before Congress on Tuesday, with the federal government temporarily open until Feb. 15 as part of a three-week treaty over Trump's demanded $5.7 billion in funding for a border wall with Mexico. Pennsylvania Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Casey will bring one of those affected by the shutdown, a TSA officer, as his special guest.

Monica Hughes, an Army reservist who has worked as a TSA officer at Pittsburgh International Airport for four years and had to work without pay for the duration of the 35-day shutdown, will be attending the State of the Union with Casey, his office announced.

"I'm pleased that a dedicated public servant like Monica will be able to join me for the president's State of the Union address," Casey said in announcing the invite. "I am hopeful that her attendance will inspire others in Washington to remain committed to fighting for working families who depend on a functioning government."

Hughes, a U.S. Army Reserve veteran, lives with her partner, decorated war veteran Charles Burke, and his children, Chazzlyn, 16, and Joaquin, 5, Casey's office said.

The family had to apply for food stamps during the shutdown "to stay afloat," Casey said. They also drew on their personal savings and donations from friends and family during the longest federal shutdown in national history.

Casey's office described the Hughes family as being "held hostage by the president's shutdown," which they described as "sparked by the administration's recklessness."

Phil Glover, VP of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) District 3 (the union that represents TSA employees), thanked Casey and Hughes for representing the 800,000 federal workers impacted by the shutdown. That includes "the 45,000 TSA officers that worked for more than a month safeguarding our nation's airports while not knowing when their next paycheck was coming," Glover said in a statement.

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Sen. Bob Casey

Meanwhile, Casey's counterpart, U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), is inviting his personal friend, business and community leader John Malloy, of the Lehigh Valley.

Malloy for 15 years has been chairman, president and CEO of Victaulic, the world's largest manufacturer of mechanical joints for piping systems, headquartered in Easton and employing 3,600 worldwide. The company's products are sold in 108 countries around the world.

Philly Congressman Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA) is inviting AFGE union organizer Alana Lewis, a legislative and political organizer for the union and Philly resident who worked closely with many employees impacted by the shutdown.

Trump's speech is expected to stress bipartisanship, "cooperation and compromise," the Daily Beast reported.

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Philly hip-hop legend Lady B (center) is back on radio.

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Lady B makes triumphant return to radio

The radio legend is back on Philly airwaves after community support helped end a yearlong hiatus.

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After being away from radio for more than a year, Philly radio legend and community leader Lady B is back on new Philly station Classix 107.9. A public outrage over her dismissal from her longtime former radio slot helped show media company Radio One how much of a Philly institution Lady B is.

"Lady B is the unofficial mayor of the city and has been a vocal supporter of the community her entire career," said Colby Colb Tyner, vice president of programming at Radio One.

"It broke my heart last year that the young ones were saying, 'Why aren't you on the radio?' and I had no answer for them," Lady B said, whose real name is Bahiyyah Clark. "Usually we teach our children that when you get fired, there is some sort of insubordination or you did something wrong, and I didn't have an answer for them. A year ago, it hurt real bad, especially because I wasn't expecting it."

Lady B was relieved of her responsibilities at Radio One station WRNB 100.3 for what civil rights attorney and Lady B supporter Michael Coard connected to Lady B's passion for speaking about socially relevant issues.

"I'm not here to condemn anybody, but I am here to throw a little bit of shade," Coard said. "The community will forgive, but we will not forget. We appreciate what [Radio One] is doing now and believe its sincere apology, however apologies mean nothing without changed be-

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havior. We believe that today's apology means that there will be no further disrespect to Lady B. It's not just the music that she plays but her community consciousness. That's unique in the radio industry."

Chuck D of the iconic hip-hop group Public Enemy phoned in his own congratulatory thoughts for Lady B. "Lady B is a worldwide icon and Philadelphia is always being watched," Chuck D affirmed. "You want someone that will be a light and show that women can be leaders in society, not just alongside men. You have hundreds of thousands of people in a big city that came up on Lady B. I don't have to say anything. All you have to do is ask people in the city and they'll tell you: Let Lady B do her thing forever."

As one of hip-hop's first woman stars, Lady B's propensity for discussing issues relevant to the community has earned her generations of listeners. She is supportive of newcomers like rapper Cardi B who want to use their voices for social change. "I say this to youngins all of the time: Understand the power of the microphone and understand there is a generation laying on their every word, so be responsible with the microphone," Lady B said. "Don't take advantage of the power of the microphone and try to use it for good and not so much popularity. We live in a world of likes and followers now and I don't think that's cool. I think it hinders us from coming together as one. It changes and messes up the balance of things."

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Lady B

Entrepreneur Charlie Mack, who has worked with entertainer Will Smith and other talents since the '80s, is an ardent supporter of Lady B's return to radio. "There are certain voices that speak and represent what we represent and who we are as a people," Mack said. "I think Lady B represents everything that we are in Philadelphia. I know things are more corporate now and times change, but Lady B knows us as a people. You've got to have people [on radio] that speak the language of the people and Lady B speaks the language of the people."

Lady B will be on Classix 107.9 for a midday show Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for her famous Basement Party show Friday and Saturday nights from 6-10 p.m.

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Aries You've got the moves, so stop thinking someone else can do a better job. A suggestion you make will encourage others to pitch in and help. Expand your interests and make new friends.

Taurus Confusion or uncertainty will set in if you are too analytical. Take action and learn as you go to accomplish the most. Love and romance will enhance your life.

Gemini Your ideas will capture someone's attention. A joint venture or partnership will broaden possibilities and bring you closer to achieving something that will improve your life.

Cancer Keep plugging away until you reach your goal. The journey you take will be gratifying and will help you hone your skills. A physical change will boost your confidence.

Leo Stay on track and think matters through before you make a move. Opportunities are within reach, but making the best choice will not be easy. Take your time.

Virgo You'll come up with a unique plan. A little discipline, careful thought and judicious personal changes will help you bring your idea to life. Love is in the stars.

Libra Don't just think about making a personal change, do something about it. Take the initiative and start the ball rolling. What you accomplish will give you hope and improve your personal life.

Scorpio Spend time with someone who understands your personal situation. Good advice will come in handy and help you defuse a problem before it explodes.

Sagittarius Take advantage of any opportunity you get to make positive changes at home, or get involved in events or activities that make you feel alive.

Capricorn Love will come at a price. Look ahead with optimism and decide what you need to do to achieve the happiness you desire. Take responsibility for your actions.

Aquarius Look for a chance to make a professional move or change the way you handle your personal finances. A contract or joint venture looks promising. An emotional situation can be resolved.

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LIFESTYLE

The actress and director is working on the upcoming series "The Mandalorian." LUCASFILM

Bryce Dallas Howard talks directing 'Star Wars' TV show

The "Jurassic World" star will direct an episode of "The Mandalorian."

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It sounds like Bryce Dallas Howard is following in her famous father's footsteps.

During the press conference for the 2019 Woman of the Year ceremony with the Hasty Pudding Theatricals at Harvard on Thursday, the "Jurassic World" star revealed that she hopes to transition to directing full-time, a trajectory that seemingly mirrors her legendary dad Ron Howard's path through Hollywood.

"I'm directing full-time," she told reporters. "I don't want to quit acting, but the way it's been for the last 12 years, I've directed, I would say between things, but really while I was pregnant."

Howard later added, "My personal hope is that I'm so busy directing that I'm not able to follow through on acting in a feature."

As for what inspired Howard to get behind the camera more, the actress explained that working on the upcoming "Star Wars" spinoff television series "The Mandalorian"

Bryce Dallas Howard during the Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year press conference. GETTY IMAGES

convinced her to go full-time with directing. The show, which is being written and produced by Jon Favreau, will feature Howard in the director's chair for an episode, while other notable names like Dave Filoni, Taika Waititi and more are set to direct as well.

"Right now I'm in production on 'The Mandalorian,' which is the first live-action 'Star Wars' television show ever," Howard said. "Getting to do that has been awesome and has made me thoroughly addicted."

Howard isn't the first star in her family to travel to a galaxy far, far away, as her father recently directed the Han Solo origin film "Solo: A Star Wars Story." Howard revealed that her dad recently visited the set of "The Mandalorian," although it was a bit of a stressful situation for the budding director. Apparently the "Solo" filmmaker couldn't help but worry about his daughter and how she's handling the pressure of such a high-profile project.

"He came to the 'Star Wars' set and looked really nervous," Howard said. "I was like, 'Bye, Dad.'"

"It's because he's so deeply empathetic. He just wants everything to be amazing for me at all times."

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Philly goes big for the Year of the Pig

Philly is home to many Chinese New Year celebrations.

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2019 is officially the Year of the Pig, and to honor the tradition, the City of Brotherly Love has some amazing Chinese New Year events and celebrations. Here is where to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Philadelphia.

2019 is the Year of the Pig. GETTY

Chinese New Year Dim Sum Brunch

Delicious menu items include longevity noodles, whole roasted branzino, eight treasure rice and more. There is also a whole suckling pig feast served with egg fried rice, longevity noodles, steamed bao buns and mu shu pancakes that serves 4-6 people available for $250 (via pre-order only by Feb. 6). *Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Buddakan, 325 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, buddakan.com*

Chinese Galleries at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

The Philadelphia Museum of Art opened its newly revamped Chinese gallery on Feb. 3 and all Philadelphians are invited to explore its magic. Interesting works of art in the gallery include paintings, sculptures, porcelains, ceramics, costumes and textiles. Many of the works are newly conserved. *Now open, various times, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2600 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, philamuseum.org*

Buddakan AC Chinese New Year Celebration

On Feb. 19 the hot spot eatery will display traditional Chinese lanterns throughout the enchanted Asian garden in the restaurant to make every guest's dining experience even more special. Buddakan will also be serving up longevity noodles to ensure a prosperous and delicious year, and guests can also bring home a Chinese good luck red envelope — each envelope has a special surprise inside. *Feb. 19, reservations available, Buddakan AC, 1 Atlantic Ocean, Atlantic City, NJ, buddakanac.com*

Lunar New Year 2019 Celebration

This annual showcase will feature traditional Chinese music, dance, martial arts and film along with a reception that includes cultural activities and a sampling of authentic Chinese cuisine by Sang Kee Noodle House. *Feb. 7, 7-9 p.m., International House of Philadelphia, 3701 Chestnut St., $10-$20, ihousephilly.org*

SuGa's Chinese New Year Dinner

SuGa is celebrating the Year of the Pig with a delicious menu that also features Cinco Jotas, the most expensive ham in the world. Menu items include glazed pork belly, Maryland crab spring rolls, pinecone whole branzino, black pepper beef tenderloin, coconut tapioca, napa cole slaw and much more. *Feb. 5-March 2, reservations available, SuGa, 1720 Sansom St., sugabyfoo.com*

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LEGENDS:

Pig was the last to arrive when the Jade Emperor called for the great meeting. Other sources state that Buddha called for a great meeting when he was about to leave the Earth. The Pig came in last.

Another legend says that as the emperor was about to call it a day, an oink and squeal was heard from a little Pig. The term "lazy pig" came about as the Pig got hungry during a race, promptly stopped for a feast then fell asleep. After the nap, the Pig continued the race and was named the 12th and last animal of the zodiac cycle.

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Pig is assigned to govern a month in the lunar calendar. As the lunar month cycle begins in spring, the Pig is assigned to the 10th month, usually the time when winter begins. This lunar month corresponds to the Gregorian calendar, beginning on Nov. 7 and ending on Dec. 6.

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The Reeds at Shelter Haven's new Salt Spa opens this spring.

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The Reeds offers an amazing getaway from the city. DON PEARSE

Nestled away in the coastal shore town of Stone Harbor near Avalon is The Reeds at Shelter Haven resort hotel. Although it may seem like just a sunny-time destination, this hotel has a lot more to offer. The Reeds recently announced two exciting additions: an expansion on their guest rooms and an all-new, two-story luxury Salt Spa.

Independently owned and operated by Refined Hospitality, The Reeds offers a year-round getaway to anyone who is in serious need of a mini vacation from the city. According to a release, the expanded Reeds at Shelter Haven will include its landmark building, located directly on the bay in the center of town, and a new Spa Side building that will serve spa-goers, overnight guests and gatherings. The 22 new guest rooms and luxury Salt Spa destination are now on the site where Henny's Restaurant once stood.

The new building, designed by Eileen Madigan, will include town-view guest rooms with double queen and king beds (most with private balconies) and four Junior Suites on the turret all embodying an elegant beachside feel. The new Spa Side building offers luxurious full-service spa services as well as room service and refreshing beverages. Indulgent and relaxing services include a Turkish bath and brine room, a fitness center, a blowout bar and nail salon plus therapeutic spa experiences designed by spa director Kellie Connor (think signature massages and facials, traditional Turkish Hammam and more).

"Our goal in creating the Spa Side is to deliver on feedback that we've received from our guests and community over the last five years operating in Stone Harbor for more guest rooms and an unparalleled spa and fitness experience, rounding out our luxury resort offerings. We are always discovering ways to create spaces that will enhance our guest experience and inspire them to stay not only in the summer but any time of the year," said Ron Gorodesky, managing director, in a release. "We are committed to providing more year-round amenities for our guests and local residents to enjoy, and that starts with an all-encompassing wellness experience that they can't find elsewhere in the region."

The Salt Spa will be the most comprehensive full-service luxury spa in southern New Jersey, and will expand on The Reeds' wellness programming that already includes plenty of exciting activities.

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We've had our share of false saviors in this town — with most of them standing shakily between the pipes down at the Wells Fargo Center.

For more than 30 seasons, the Philadelphia Flyers have searched for a first-rate goalie to carry them to the Stanley Cup. Mostly, they skated out a collection of head cases, has-beens and underachievers. From Ken Wregget to Roman Cechmanek to Ilya Bryzgalov, there were always early moments of brilliance and anticipation, followed by the crushing reality that the guy had a five-hole larger than a Zamboni or the stability of Mites on Ice.

But now . . .

Well, now there is a legitimate reason to believe the drought that has existed since Ron Hextall v.1 (1986-87) might finally be over. And the savior is a graceful 20-year-old who seems to have no need yet for a razor but is already confounding the NHL's best shooters.

Rookie Carter Hart has led the Flyers on their heady seven-game winning streak. He was just named the NHL's top rookie for January, during which he topped the league in saves and posted a 2.33 goals-against average and .931 save percentage.

Watch Hart for a few games and you'll quickly see what's behind those impressive early stats. He's fundamentally sound, always in position and squared up to the shooter. He's quick to his feet and displays great reflexes. And his concentration is outstanding.

Flyers TV reporter Taryn Hatcher told a story the other day of how Hart keeps his focus during time-outs by squirting his water bottle into the air, espying a single droplet, following it down to the ice and staring at it until it freezes. It's a neat trick, and it shows how the kid is mature enough not to be sidetracked by the crowd, the lights or the moment.

Earlier this season, Flyers GM Ron Hextall balked at promoting Hart from the Lehigh Valley Phantoms out of concern he was rushing the phenom. Hextall, of course, got fired at Thanksgiving and it took injuries to five other goalies for Hart to get the call-up.

Soon after that, the Flyers also shoved out their sleepwalking coach, Dave Hakstol, replacing him with Scott Gordon. And things have clicked. The team that was in absolute last place has moved ahead of five other clubs and is now seven points out of a playoff spot. It is nothing to brag about, but certainly an improvement.

There are many factors in this seven-game streak. Gordon made strategic moves with the power play and neutral-zone forecheck that are showing results. Defenseman Ivan Provorov rebounded after a desultory first half of the season, while other young players like Travis Sanheim and Nolan Patrick appear to be coming on.

However, it's easy to see the biggest reason. Any hockey player will tell you how disheartening it is to play in front of a shaky goaltender. Conversely, a talent like Hart can inspire everyone.

"He's calm back there," captain Claude Giroux said last week. "He's confident. He gives us momentum."

Certainly, this is lofty praise for someone who was riding Junior Hockey buses around Western Canada a year ago. It's foolish to believe Hart is a panacea for all of the Flyers' shortcomings.

It's equally foolish to believe he's on a straight arc to stardom. The history of every sport shows that competitors quickly learn a young star's weaknesses. The burden is then on him to adjust.

That said, Hart does not resemble the parade of frauds preceding him in orange and black. He's smart, talented and driven. The Flyers have drafted 23 goalies since 2001. It says here that they finally got one right.

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Making betting sense of the Bore Bowl and a look ahead

March Madness and The Masters are right around the bend.

MATT BURKE

Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editorial Director of MetroBet.

Praise the good Lord for prop bets and squares. Betting on Sunday night was the only way you could have possibly been entertained by Super Bowl LIII, and it illustrates a good point we're trying to make here at MetroBet: Your sports viewing enjoyment will always be enhanced when you have some sort of skin in the game. Betting can turn a dud of a game like Patriots–Rams into something worth watching out of the corner of your eye, and can turn a great game like the respective AFC and NFC title games this year into something orgasmic.

Before we take a look at what's next on the sports calendar betting-wise, let's take a quick look back at Sunday night.

The prop that had everyone talking on Monday morning was the controversial over–under on how long Gladys Knight's National Anthem went. Knight's Anthem was set at 1 minute, 49 seconds by most books and she would have hit the under had she quit singing after belting out, "… And the home of the brave!"

To hammer home the point that Americans are, indeed, brave (and possibly to cash in on the over herself), Knight then sang "the brave!" a second time. This brought her up to around two full minutes and triggered the over.

Several books paid out both the over and under bettors due to the controversy. No doubt, we now have a new wagering rule in place: The Gladys Rule. All National Anthem betting times going forward will officially end following the first "brave."

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What's on tap?

The Super Bowl is the granddaddy of 'em all when it comes sports betting, but there are plenty of big events on the horizon. March Madness is right around the corner. Ditto for The Masters.

If you've never bet on golf, now would be a good time to try to get used to it ahead of Augusta. I considered myself a casual golf fan, but since I started putting money on these dudes, I'm now watching every weekend. Golf, come to find out, is now my second-favorite sport to bet on after football.

Betting on individuals, and not a team, is incredibly fun if you've never done it. You learn the personalities of these guys as they win you money or break your heart/wallet, which makes that emotional roller coaster that much more enjoyable.

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Just spoke to @DaveMasonBOL of @betonline_ag and given some of the confusion surrounding the national anthem tonight they plan to pay both over and under bettors

#GladysKnight

TWEET OF THE DAY

SPORTS BETTING 101: What is a moneyline?

Moneylines are the simplest type of bet. In a moneyline wager, bettors make bets simply on who will win the game. This does not involve any point spreads or margins of victory. This form of betting odds focuses just on who will be the outright winner. Let's take a look at an example. Let's say the Rangers' odds are -150, while the Flyers' odds are +130.

The first thing to take notice of is the plus and minus sign in front of the number. The team with a plus sign in front of the odds is the underdog — in this case, the Flyers. Because of this fact, they can potentially earn a higher payout if they win. The number in the odds means something slightly different depending on whether it has a positive or negative sign in front of it. With its odds set at +130, a Flyers bet offers a $130 payout for every $100 bet on it. So if someone were to bet on the Flyers, and the Flyers won, that person would win $130.

A minus sign at the beginning of odds means the team is favored to win. The number indicates how much someone would need to wager in order to win $100. So if someone were to place a $150 bet in favor of the Rangers and the Rangers won the game, that person would win $100. If that person were to bet $300 instead, and the Rangers still won, they would win $200. **VSIN**

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Betting smart on Big East hoops

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St. John's gets a chance to atone quickly for a highly publicized blowout loss this past Saturday at national powerhouse Duke. The Red Storm visits Marquette Tuesday (FS1, 8 p.m.) in a game that will also be actively covered because of the Golden Eagles' national ranking.

That Big East rematch could help erase the visage of Saturday's 30-point loss from the rearview mirror. St. John's first meeting with Marquette was a season highlight. You probably recall that St. John's (-2) beat Marquette 89-69 on New Year's Day. The Golden Eagles are currently on track for a No. 3 or No. 4 seed according to respected bracketology projections.

How can St. John's be that much worse than a No. 1 seed, but that much better than a No. 4 seed?

Handicappers and bettors can't fall into the trap of thinking that a one-game, 40-minute sprint captures the reality of the teams involved. Basketball is a volatile sport, with fickle results at the mercy of hot or cold shooting. And, some teams just match up with some opponents better than others. Maybe a team you follow has finally started putting the pieces together, while the market is still pricing it as a non-factor. Review the past few box scores to make sure that improvement is real, then make some conservative bets that it will continue.

You'll often hear sharps describe handicapping tournament basketball as a version of "rock-paper-scissors." Skill set-wise, Duke is a boulder rolling downhill. Believe it or not, Duke scored 91 points Saturday while not playing particularly sharp!

* Duke turned the ball over 18 times, something that will be much harder for the Blue Devils to get away with in later rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

* Duke wasn't hot from long range, making only 7 of 26 three-point attempts.

* Duke was just 14 of 23 from the foul line, so no case could be made that the Blue Devils enjoyed flagrant home cooking.

* Duke's a physically imposing, fast-paced team. St. John's, and most of the country, will have trouble hanging with them. (Bettors shouldn't fade Duke unless their opponents have a chance to put up a wall in the paint. Gonzaga has height, and upset Duke 89-87 in Maui back in November as a 7.5-point underdog.)

Marquette? Still very good. But, mortal teams have a better chance of matching up with the Golden Eagles. Hot shooting teams can get some scoreboard distance. When St. John's beat them, it shot 11 of 24 on treys (45.8 percent, which is the same as 68.7 percent on 2s), while also shooting 59 percent on deuces and 75 percent on free throws (18 of 24).

St. John's is capable of getting hot and routing opponents like Marquette. But, it isn't currently seen as the superior side. The Red Storm are on the bubble for the Big Dance because of inconsistent play. Marquette may have learned some lessons from that New Year's Day loss. The Golden Eagles are 8-0 straight up, 7-1 against the spread since.

Here are VSiN's updated Big East Power Ratings. You can update them once midweek lines have settled. Assume a standard three points for home court advantage: Villanova 83, Marquette 81, Butler 79, Creighton 78, St. John's 78, Seton Hall 77, Xavier 75, Providence 76, Georgetown 75, DePaul 75. @JEFFFOGLE

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76ers–Raptors betting preview

Two of the best teams in the Eastern Conference convene at the Wells Fargo Center on Tuesday night as the Toronto Raptors (38-16) visit the Sixers (34-19).

The Sixers are significantly better at home than they are on the road. They're 21-5 at the Wells Fargo Center this season, and their average points per game drifts up from 115.5 to 119.1. Philly allows a full three points fewer in home games compared to its overall figure (109 to 112). The Raptors' point differential declines significantly when they're the visiting squad, falling from plus-5.3 overall to plus-2.1 in road tilts.

Toronto has hit a bit of a bump in the road, losing three of its last five contests, and the sledding will only get tougher if Kyle Lowry (14.1 points per game, 9.2 assists per game) can't suit up. The point guard, who was recently announced as an All-Star reserve, has been battling a back issue that forced him to miss multiple games in December and January. He was held out of Sunday's win over the Clippers due to that same ailment. Lowry is considered questionable for Tuesday night.

The Raptors have failed to cover in 10 of their last 12 road games, while the Sixers are 25-11 against the spread in their last 36 home games against a team with a winning road record, per Covers.com. Joel Embiid reached double figures in both points and rebounds in the first three meetings between these clubs this year (the home team won all three contests), so expect another big night from "The Process."

THE PLAY: Sixers -1

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Report: Eagles expected to use franchise tag on Foles

The Eagles are exploring all avenues to make a potential trade work.

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With a new league year set to kick off in a few weeks, it appears as if we have a clear picture of what the Philadelphia Eagles plan to do with veteran quarterback Nick Foles.

ESPN's Adam Schefter reported over the weekend that the Eagles are expected to use the franchise tag on Foles this offseason to try to trade him.

In addition to the franchise tag, it's been reported throughout this season that the Eagles could also pick up the veteran quarterback's $20 million option. From there, the same rules still apply in that Philly can still try to trade him.

However, if Philly decides to exercise Foles' option, he will have the ability to either accept or decline it within a fair amount of time. If he goes with the second option, then the 30-year-old quarterback would have to pay the Eagles back $2 million.

The NFL insider also mentioned in his report that the price tag to acquire Foles would be a third-round pick.

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14 Warren or Holliman
15 Still breathing
16 Bridal veil fabric
17 Sudden idea; fancy
18 Rams' home
20 "Make hay while the __ shines"
21 Small nail
22 City in England
23 Lewis' exploring partner
25 Get-up-and-go
26 Actress Ally
28 Complete failure
31 Place of refuge
32 Actress Burstyn
34 Bird of prey
36 Be persnickety
37 Aviator
38 Musketeers or Stooges
39 Polished off
40 Jabbed
41 Revolves
42 School compositions
44 Go back on a promise
45 Strike
46 Conceals
47 Twelve
50 Family members
51 Cushion
54 Dethrones; bring downs
57 Like takeout food
58 Sweetheart
59 Uncanny
60 Patella's place
61 "Beauty is __ skin-deep"
62 Miles per hour
63 Chances

DOWN

1 Chops down
2 Waikiki Beach's island
3 Members of the royal family
4 Lawn tree
5 Money earned
6 Big Ben, for one
7 Danger
8 Gabor or Longoria
9 Actress Ming-Na __
10 Slumbers
11 Hardy cabbage
12 Like cinnamon rolls, usually
13 Disarray
19 Gather bit by bit
21 Small amounts
24 Flowery rings
25 Landing place
26 Davenport
27 __ cuisine; fine food
28 Ran away
29 Exchange letters
30 __ to; because of
32 BPOE folks
33 Be dishonest
35 Suffer defeat
37 Auto racer A.J. __
38 Song
40 "__ Your Wagon"; Broadway musical
41 Kennedy & Cruz
43 Wine sometimes used in cooking
44 Washed off soapsuds
46 TV's Mandel
47 Extinct bird
48 Kiln
49 Ardor
50 As __ as a boil
52 Middle-__; neither young nor old
53 Mothers of fawns
55 "__ got the whole world in His hands..."
56 Elected official: abbr.
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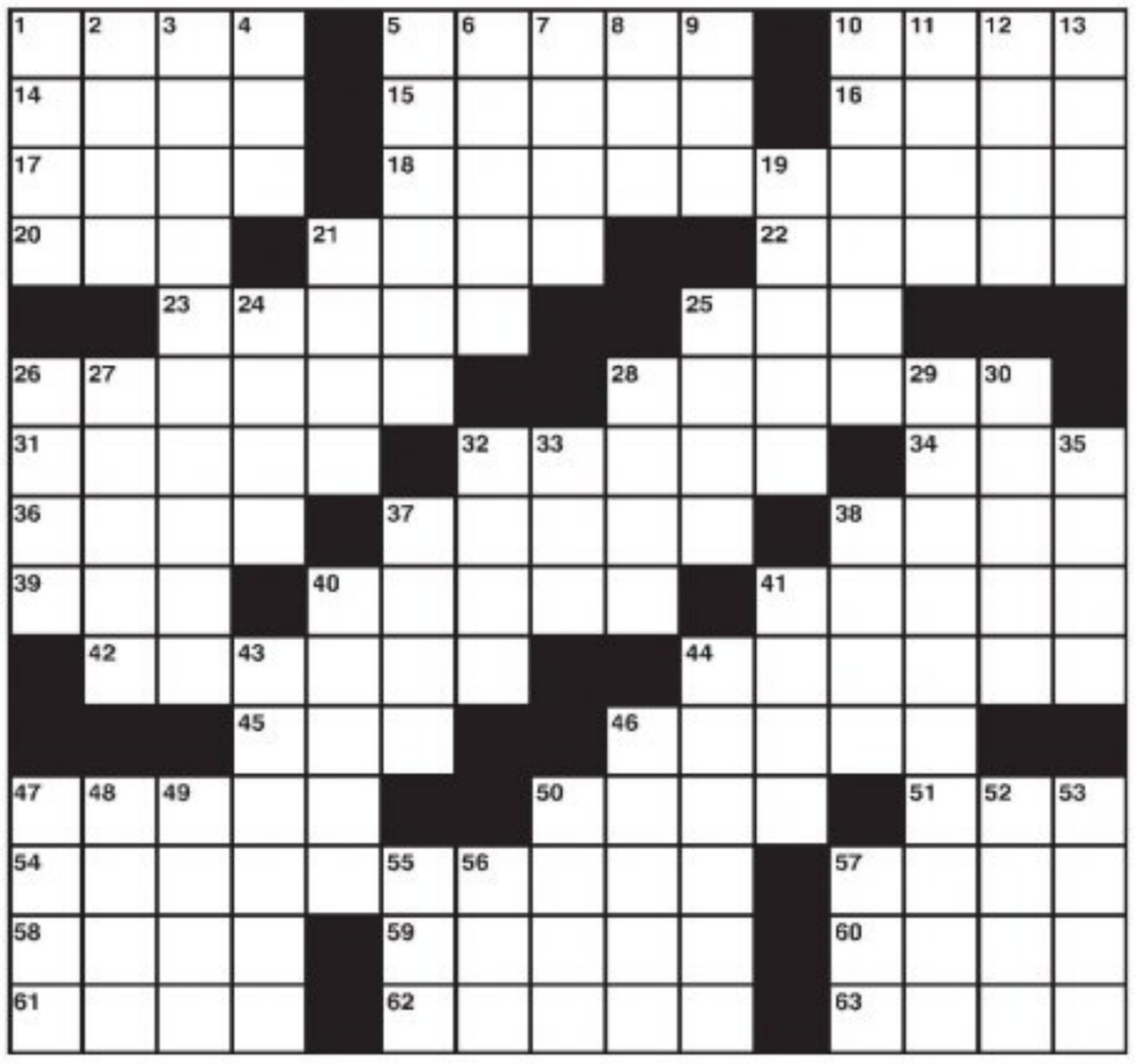

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